



Hitchcock County Board Minutes



Hitchcock County Board of Commissioners

Trenton, Nebraska
February 19th, 2013

A meeting of the County Board of Commissioners of Hitchcock County, Nebraska was held at the Hitchcock County Courthouse Commissioner's Room, 229 East D Street, Trenton, Nebraska on the 19th, day of February, 2013 commencing at 9:00 o'clock a.m. Present were Chair Scott McDonald, Commissioners Ronald Wertz and Paul Nichols and County Clerk Margaret Pollmann. Also present was Carol Schlegel representing Southwest Nebraska Leadership Institute. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Hitchcock County News, the designated method for giving notice. Notice of this meeting was given to the Chair and all members of the Board. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held.

Member Nichols moved to approve the consent calendar consisting of the following items: 1. Approval of February 19th, 2013 agenda; 2. Approval of the February 4th, 2013 meeting minutes. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald, and Nichols. Motion carried.

Member Wertz moved to approve the following claims. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

General Fund Payroll -----	\$36,238.72
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 662.01
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 6,465.80
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 245.75
AS Central Finance, data process. -----	\$ 245.75
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$26,978.65
Richard Calkins, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 674.03
Tonya Carlson, blood draws -----	\$ 150.00
Clerk Dist. Ct., pauper appeal costs -----	\$ 125.00
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 617.47
Community Hospital, blood tests -----	\$ 139.25
D&L Pest Control, service -----	\$ 45.00
Deveny Motors, repair -----	\$ 691.65
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 5.79
Electrical Engineering & Equip., ssame -----	\$ 329.40
Farmers Coop, fuel -----	\$ 1,545.91
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$11,212.41
GreatAmerica Leasing, postage meter -----	\$ 78.00
Green Law Offices, ct. appt. atty. -----	\$ 489.55
Hitchcock Co. Court, costs -----	\$ 164.00
Holiday Inn Downtown - Lincoln, lodging -----	\$ 176.00



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Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging -----	\$ 497.70
Lincoln Co. Sheriff, service fees -----	\$ 22.98
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 97.12
McCook Daily Gazette, publication -----	\$ 105.00
Cynthia McCorkle, meals/car console -----	\$ 40.89
Scott McDonald, mileage -----	\$ 209.62
Messersmith Water Treatment, supply -----	\$ 21.00
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 2,665.00
MIPS, Inc., data process. -----	\$ 1,259.39
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 1,258.43
Nebraska.gov., transcripts -----	\$ 11.00
New York Life, life ins. -----	\$ 75.00
Paul Nichols, mileage -----	\$ 241.26
Postmaster, postage -----	\$ 1,000.00
Redfield & Co., supply -----	\$ 276.21
Andrea Richards, reimb. LB 1184 meals -----	\$ 34.78
Scoop Media, publications -----	\$ 991.07
Marie Smith, meals/parking/fuel -----	\$ 83.84
SW Fertilizer, propane -----	\$ 2,465.00
Stanard Appraisal Services, commercial appraisal -----	\$ 2,450.00
The Thompson Co., supply -----	\$ 259.02
Trails West Texaco, supply/fuel -----	\$ 137.51
U-Save Pharmacy, inmate med. -----	\$ 8.00
US Bank, supply -----	\$ 47.69
Village of Trenton, utility -----	\$ 1,433.57
Ron Wertz, mileage -----	\$ 171.20
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 71.37

ROAD FUND:

Road Fund Payroll -----	\$ 4,073.72
AFLAC, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 490.93
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 794.91
Ameritas Life Ins., vision ins. -----	\$ 43.92
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 6,870.11
C&K Dist., repair/supply/tools -----	\$ 155.45
Colonial Life & Accident, suppl. ins. -----	\$ 36.32
DFR, Inc., service -----	\$ 14.00
Phillip Dixon, hwy. supt. -----	\$ 725.00
Farmers Coop, supply/fuel -----	\$ 4,148.34
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 1,072.49
Fastenal Industrial, repair/supply -----	\$ 22.82
John Deere Financial, grader pmt. -----	\$ 8,307.57
League Builders, repair/supply -----	\$ 219.71
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 24.50
Michael Todd & Co., signs -----	\$ 217.53
Mid-American Benefits, deductible funding/admin. fees -----	\$ 2,045.00
NE Dept. Rev., state tax -----	\$ 88.92
NE Machinery Co., repair -----	\$ 7,064.32
Powerplan, repair -----	\$ 49.94



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R&W Repair, supply/fuel -----	\$ 245.10
Retriever, LLC, repair -----	\$ 444.00
Schamel's Auto Supply, repair/supply -----	\$ 317.90
Southwest Fertilizer, fuel -----	\$ 1,947.35
Stratton Auto Parts, repair/supply -----	\$ 811.27
Tri-State Fire Ext., service -----	\$ 878.15
Village of Culbertson, utility -----	\$ 32.00
Village of Trenton, same -----	\$ 130.04

NOXIOUS WEED FUND:

Weed Fund Payroll -----	\$ 776.39
Ameritas Life Ins., retirement -----	\$ 123.03
BC & BS, health ins. -----	\$ 661.16
Eakes Office Products, supply -----	\$ 267.89
Farmers State Bank, FICA/OASI/Fed. -----	\$ 207.87
William R. Hagemann, meals/mileage -----	\$ 190.43
Madison National Life, life ins. -----	\$ 4.90
Mid-American Benefits, admin. fee -----	\$ 7.50
NE Dept. Revenue, state tax -----	\$ 19.09
Wireless Inet, service -----	\$ 13.08

911 EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND:

CenturyLink, service -----	\$ 275.67
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Member Nichols moved to approve the claim of Scott Sinclair in the amount of \$101.49 for fuel in the Road Fund. Member Wertz seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: Nichols and Wertz. Member McDonald abstained. Motion carried.

NIRMA Contact Person Karen Keller met with the board and advised as to safety committee meetings. Ms. Keller also inquired as to progress on safety audit recommendations of Tim Baxter, NIRMA safety specialist and board advised of progress.

Attorney Garner joined the meeting.

Gregg O'Brien with Nebraska Machinery and Ed Vontz with Vontz Realty joined the meeting. Discussion was held on the paddle scraper bids. Board advised they were desirous of personally inspecting the machines that were bid. This item will be placed on the March 18th meeting agenda for further consideration.

Highway Superintendent Phillip Dixon joined the meeting and presented information regarding scour critical bridge inspections. Bridge structures discussed and reviewed were C004402305P, C004433110, C004412213P, C004414205, C004402305, C004404305, C004413405, and C004405505P. Discussion was held regarding a "winter driving condition" policy as it relates to Rec. Road 44-B. Member Wertz advised that said road has been posted "Icy Road Not Salted".

Attorney Garner presented a "Contract For Highway Superintendent & Bridge Inspections" by and between Hitchcock County and Phillip Dixon and advised as to the same.



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Member McDonald moved to direct Chair to execute the “Contract For Highway Superintendent and Bridge Inspections” by and between Hitchcock County and Phillip W. Dixon. Member Nichols seconded the motion and after consideration the following members voted in favor of said motion: McDonald, Wertz and Nichols. Motion carried.

Board acknowledged receipt of surplus property affidavit of the County Board.

Commissioner Wertz advised as to a conversation with Commissioner from Greely County regarding litigation pertaining to the Tyler Technology Contract and issues regarding obtaining detailed billing information from the Department of Revenue, PTA. Discussion was also held regarding LB55 pertaining to re-assumption of assessment function.

Chair McDonald advised as to lodging tax used for tourism, re: advertising and promotion. Carol Schlegel, Red Willow County Tourism Director advised as to promotion of tourism in Southwest Nebraska and how lodging taxes are used to that end.. A 1% tax is currently collected and paid to the state for tourism. The County could impose an additional 4%, 2% for promotion and 2% for improvements. It was the consensus of the board to pursue implementation of a lodging tax within Hitchcock County.

Attorney Garner advised as to proposals for update of the county’s hazard mitigation plan. Interviews will be held 2-26-13 in Hayes County.

Weed Superintendent Bill Hagemann advised as to updates on weed resistance, noxious weed designation additions and his meeting schedule.

Discussion was held regarding vandalism of county road signs, primarily by fire arms. The board discussed offering a reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those vandalizing county road signs.

The Treasurer was in receipt of \$275.00 from David Anderson for scrap iron, credited to the Road Fund; \$142.68 from McCook Public Schools for election expenses, credited to the General Fund.

Member McDonald moved to adjourn and to meet for the next regular meeting on Friday, March 1st, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Member Nichols seconded the motion and the roll was called with the following members voting in favor of said motion: Wertz, McDonald and Nichols. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Chair
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Margaret M. Pollmann, County Clerk